

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Report Run Date: 06/05/2019 08:53:57 AM

## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

803

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

12/01/1986

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c.

## Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

### Purpose

Review of Intramural Labs

### Start

04/19/2018

### End

- 04/20/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$144,928.00	\$147,682.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$3,620.00	\$3,679.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$6,389.00	\$6,470.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$158,937.00	\$161,831.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.00	1.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of recognized biomedical and or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the following areas: diabetes, endocrinology, and metabolism; digestive diseases and nutritional disorders; and kidney, urologic and hematological diseases. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. The Board normally holds two formal meetings each year for peer review of each laboratory and the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development. For FY 2018, there was only one meeting. During the April 2018 meeting, the board reviewed the following labs: Laboratory of Biological Modeling, Laboratory of Cell and Molecular Biology, Laboratory of Endocrinology & Receptor Biology, and the Liver Disease Branch. In addition, the Board reviewed the work of 14 scientists, 3 of whom were possible tenure. The Board provides to the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council for review a description of its activities.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board consists of members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of diabetes, kidney diseases, molecular biology, chemistry, chemical physics, genetics, endocrinology, biochemistry and nutrition. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board met one time during this reporting period. The Board generally holds two meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as

required by the PHS Act. They held three meetings in 2017 which is why only one was held in FY2018.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Board is composed of recognized biomedical research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meetings of the Board were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussions could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**21. Remarks**

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. Note that the Designated Federal Official and Committee Decision Maker positions are both held by the Scientific Director of the Institute. The Board advises the Institute on issues associated with the Institute's Intramural Research Program, which is the primary responsibility of the Scientific Director.

**Designated Federal Officer**

**MICHAEL W. KRAUSE SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR**

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BARTOLOMEI, MARISA	01/09/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BEZERRA, JORGE	10/16/2017	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CORBETT, ANITA	10/01/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
FRASER, CLAIRE	10/07/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LEVI, MOSHE	09/18/2013	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MERCHANT, JUANITA	10/31/2016	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

## Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

### Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other



### **Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

75

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

During each meeting the members evaluate the scientific programs of three or four Laboratories/Branches (every Lab/Branch is evaluated once every four years) and reviewed the progress of junior scientists at the midpoint of or during the final year of the six-to-eight year period of their tenure track appointment.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on

the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

As part of the reports to the Board of Scientific Counselors, the Executive Secretary presents appropriate remarks regarding actions taken to implement the Board's recommendations and guidance from previous meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A